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The commercial production of rabbit meat will be considerably aided by a revision of OPA regulations which previously had barred producers from selling rabbit meat direct to consumers at retail prices, according to Frank G. Ashbrook, in charge of the fur resources work of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

For many years most producers of domestic rabbit meat have sold their product direct to their neighbors or the highway trade rather than through wholesale channels and the OPA rule restricting their sales except at the wholesale price level threatened to force many small commercial producers out of business.

Interest in the production of domestic rabbits for meat has tremendously increased since the start of the war. More than 200,000 copies of publications on production and use of rabbits have been requested by citizens within the past year, according to Mr. Ashbrook.

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